

(b) what is the aggregate amount that is due to the workers from the employers in the various terms referred to above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Information on outstanding statutory dues of workers for factories that have closed down is not being maintained separately. Organisations of the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, the Employees State Insurance Corporation, the Central Labour Commissioner, etc. assess the statutory dues of workers on the basis of inspections carried out by them. The position of outstanding statutory dues of workers in Central Public Sector Undertakings is being monitored on a quarterly basis. According to the latest information available for the quarter ending September 2000, the total outstanding dues of workers in CPSUs was around Rs. 1800 crore of which around 16% was on account of wages, 45% on account of Provident Fund, 19% on account of pension, 6% on account of ESI and remaining on account of other dues of workers.

Closure of factories

**2944. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:**

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of factories closed during the years 1998-99 and 2000;
- (b) how many of them are big, medium and small scale industrial units; and
- (c) how many workers have become unemployed due to the closure of these factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) According to information available

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from Labour Bureau, the total number of units closed under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and the workers affected as a result of this is given below:—

Year	No. of Units Closed	Workers Affected
1998	175	13,386
1999(P)	159	15,707
2000(P)	91	4,461

Separate category-wise information for big, medium and small scale units affecting closure is not available.

Ceiling for grant of pension to EPF members

2945. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has fixed a ceiling of Rs. 5,000/- for grant of pension to the member of EPF scheme, 1952;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that under this scheme the members are getting pension of Rs. 327/- or so which is insufficient for a family;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that pension has not been linked with DA;
- (d) whether Government have plans to revise and fix minimum pension; and
- (e) whether free medical facilities have been provided to the retired employees in the scheme on the line of CGHS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The employees drawing wages upto